

**SOUTHERN INYO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012 6PM**

The Governing Board held a regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 6pm at the Community Center Tecopa Hot Springs Road.

I. Call to order and determination of quorum

- **Robin Flinchum, Chairperson**
- **Amy Noel, Vice Chairperson**
- **Joseph Marks, Treasurer**
- **Rich Regnell, Secretary**
- **Marie Sanborn**

Chair Flinchum called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm, called roll and established a quorum.

Present: Chairwoman, Robin Flinchum, Vice Chairwoman Amy Noel, Treasurer, Joseph Marks, Secretary, Rich Regnell

Staff: Larry Levy, Carl Dennett

Absent: Member Marie Sanborn

Visitors: Sam Fann, Angela Sinohui, Robert Zmuda

II. Confirmation of agenda / Reading of Minutes

Bill Ross is not present agenda item VII Closed Session deleted.

- Approved minutes from the September, 2012 Regular Business Meeting— *Motion*
Chair Flinchum moved to accept the minutes from 9/12 regular meeting
Member Regnell 2nded, no discussion motion passed 4,0,0.
- Unapproved minutes from the October Regular Business Meeting—*Motion*
Member Marks moved to accept the 10/12 regular meeting Member
Regnell 2nded, no discussion vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

III. Public Comment

Any person may address the District Board on any subject pertaining to District business, which is not listed on the agenda. This comment period is provided by the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.)

None.

IV. Correspondence for possible Board action and/or review None.

V. Consent Calendar

Consent calendar items are considered routine and are acted upon by the Board with a single action. Members of the audience wishing to provide public input may request that the

Board remove the item from the Consent Calendar. None.

VI. Board, Officer, and Committee Reports:

A. Board Member Reports

1. Chairperson's Report

Nothing to report.

2. Treasury Report—*Motion Required*

1. Transaction Report—*Motion Required*

Member Noel moved not to accept the Treasury or Transaction reports until issues with Bright Source account and more are resolved. Member Regnell 2nded, There was discussion, vote taken and passed 4,0,0.

B. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Levy submitted a written report of his work in the last month and reviewed it with the Board.

C. Chief Administrator's Report

Chief Dennett reported approx. \$3,900 raised include SAFER grant start up money and income from both Old West Days in Shoshone and the Bazaar. Our grant for ambulance upgrade denied but ready to apply again. Reported on further work with ICEMA to procure new ambulance.

D. Committee Reports

1. Property Tax

Chief Levy reported we'll be getting notice of several parcels dropped from the tax roles and he'll follow up what that means to the District.

2. Budget

Nothing to report

3. Fundraising

a. Firefighter's Bazaar Report

Already covered in Chief Admin report. Chair Flinchum added that most of the income came from our own community and that is truly awesome, and the auxiliary will be meeting in Jan. regarding a Presidents Day fundraiser.

4. Development Committee

a. Bright Source Update

Chief Levy reported that Ross has forward a letter from B.S. in receipt of our mitigation proposal and they like the straightforwardness of the agreement but are in review and not sure about the amount. Cal. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the Hayward case.

5. Ad Hoc

- a. PILT
Nothing to report.

VII. Closed Session, pursuant to Ralph M Brown Open Meetings Act [Government Code §§ 54954.5 (c); 54956.9(b)(c)]: Conference with District Counsel William Ross; Potential Litigation (1 matter).

VIII. Report Upon Return From Closed Session.
Cancelled.

IX. Old Business

A. Discuss presentation of Resolution to request reduction in fees from Inyo County Board of Supervisors Discuss and consider specific request to Inyo County Supervisors to waive/ reduce/ refund Tax Collectors fee for collection of Measure J funds

Discussion about presentation to Board of Supervisors resolution adopted at the last meeting. Chief Levy will investigate and confirm procedure with the Inyo County Clerk and submit at the appropriate date in December. Chief Levy, Admin Dennett, Chair Flinchum and as many other board members as possible will attend the Supervisors meeting when the District's Resolution is agendized.

B. Review and approve proposed Vacation Policy for District employees
Vacation policy presented, discussed and changes made. Chair Flinchum will present at next meeting for final approval.

C. Review and discuss budget items for Auxiliary and Fundraising
Deferred to next meeting.

D. Review Job Descriptions for District Staff
Deferred to next meeting.

X. New Business

A. Approve mileage reimbursement for Rob Zmuda and Angie Sinohui for Firefighter 1 Academy
Member Regnell moved to approved \$1,214 mileage reimbursement to Robert Zmuda for travel expenses incurred during Firefighter I training for Zmuda and Angela Sinohui, in compliance with Board Policy 2120.2, upon successful completion of the course in July, 2012. Member Marks 2nd, vote taken and passed 3,0 with 1 abstaining.

B. Discuss and consider approving additional Mechanic's hours for servicing fleet
Chief Levy deferred this item until he gathers more information.

XI. Evaluate Distribution of Work Load

Chief Levy said he might need help from a Board member in straightening things out with the Auditors office.

XII. Good of the Order
It was good.

XIII. Suggested Agenda Items for the next meeting.

Closed session update on former employee issue.

XIV. Adjournment to the next Regular board meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tecopa Community Center.

Member Noel moved to adjourn Member Regnell 2nd, vote taken and passed 4,0,0. Chair Flinchum adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm

Prepared by Amy Noel

I, Robin Flinchum, Chair and Rich Regnell, Secretary hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Regular Board Minutes of the November 20, 2012 Regular meeting of the Southern Inyo Fire Protection District.



Robin Flinchum, Chairman

Rich Regnell, Secretary